

# TAYLOR TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday August 5, 2021 7:00 pm Town Hall

> 425 Papermill Road Taylor, Arizona

Mayor
David Smith
Vice-Mayor
Jason Brubaker
Council Members
Bill Baldwin
Sherry Cosper
Dustin Hancock
Kris Neff
Shawn Palmer

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Mayor Brubaker called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

COUNCIL PRESENT: Vice Mayor Jason Brubaker, and Council Members Bill Baldwin, Sherry Cosper, Kris Neff and

Shawn Palmer (by phone)

**COUNCIL ABSENT:** Mayor David Smith, and Councilman Dustin Hancock

STAFF PRESENT: Gus Lundberg, Joseph Jarvis, and Geri Judd

**VISITORS:** See list

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Councilwomen Cosper

**INVOCATION:** Offered by Councilman Neff

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** Jack Babb said there have been many zone change requests recently, most from AG-2 to AG-1; this will result in needed additional infrastructure; and losing the small-town space. Mr. Babb requested Council to look at the General Plan and establish areas to maintain the small-town atmosphere; possibility for added public services; and speed limits on Papermill Road.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- **A.** Approve Council meeting minutes of July 1, 2021
- B. Approve July 2021 Check Register

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cosper to approve the consent agenda as presented; seconded by Councilman Baldwin motion carried 5-0 with Vice Mayor Brubaker and Council Members Palmer, Cosper, Baldwin, and Neff voting in favor.

## **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

1. Public Hearing followed by Consideration and Action Regarding a Liquor License Renewal Application submitted by Andrea Dahlman Lewkowitz on behalf of Speedway #3003 located at 310 N. Main Street Vice Mayor Brubaker opened the public hearing; receiving no public comment the hearing was closed.

Gus said the application is for a liquor license renewal; notice was posted; no input received.

A motion was made by Councilman Baldwin to approve the Liquor License application submitted by Andrea Dahlman Lewkowitz on behalf of Speedway #3003; seconded by Councilwoman Cosper; motion carried 5-0 with Vice Mayor Brubaker and Council Members Palmer, Cosper, Baldwin, and Neff voting in favor.

2. Public Hearing followed by Consideration and Action Regarding Resolution R2021-04 Fiscal Year 2022 Final Budget Adoption

Vice Mayor Brubaker opened the public hearing; receiving no public comment the hearing was closed.

Manager Gus Lundberg reported that the annual budget is a legal limitation of town funds; the tentative budget was adopted in July; required publications have been made; the proposed budget is \$13.2 million.

A motion was made by Councilman Neff to approve Resolution R2021-04 Fiscal Year 2022 Final Budget Adoption; seconded by Councilwoman Cosper; motion carried 5-0 with Vice Mayor Brubaker and Council Members Palmer, Cosper, Baldwin, and Neff voting in favor.

# 3. Consideration and Action Regarding Resolution R2021-05 State of Emergency Declaration

Manager Gus Lundberg said with the recent rainstorms there were issues with rainwater entering White Mountain Lake, and Millet Swale; with the failure of Millet Swale staff is recommending Council declare a State of Emergency to receive financial assistance for problems caused by the storms.

Councilman Baldwin asked if it's the Town's responsibility to repair Millet Swale as it is in town limits. Gus replied that Silver Creek Flood Control District owns property around Millet Swale; however, the Town is willing to contribute to repairs. Gus and Brian Richards are willing to serve on the Flood Control District board. Vice Mayor Brubaker added that he lives near Millet Swale and land out East contributes to water in it. Gus said White Mountain Lake was full as well as overflow basins, as White Mountain Lake was filling, they opened the gates more than normal which caused more water down our way.

Vice Mayor Brubaker said declaring the State of Emergency allows the Town to utilize funds available, if needed.

Councilman Palmer asked if the funds could be used to repair the dike and remove sediment that has collected; Gus replied that the question has been asked and is awaiting an answer.

A motion was made by Councilwoman Cosper to approve Resolution R2021-05 State of Emergency Declaration; seconded by Councilman Baldwin; motion carried 5-0 with Vice Mayor Brubaker and Council Members Palmer, Cosper, Baldwin, and Neff voting in favor.

# 4. Rescheduling of September Council Meeting

Vice Mayor Brubaker said the League of Cities Conference is set for the first of September, also scheduled was a public hearing for the Notice of Intent to Raise Utility Rates and other Town Fees. Vice Mayor Brubaker asked if the September meeting could be postponed until September 9<sup>th</sup>.

# 5. Discussion Regarding Notice of Intent to Raise Utility Rates and other Town Fees

Joseph Jarvis said at the last council meeting the Notice of Intent was considered; with the rescheduling of the September meeting staff recommends posting a new Notice of Intent and hold the public hearing at the October 7<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

## **6.** Summary of Current Events:

- A. Mayor
- B. Council Members

Vice Mayor Brubaker reported that the Town of Pinetop will display the Wall That Heals Monument in October; Hatch Family Farm Fest will be August 14<sup>th</sup>; and the Sweet Corn Festival is September 4<sup>th</sup>.

- C. Town Manager
  - League Conference will have the Parade of Flags and the Town participates.
  - Text My Gov is active for those who wish to join, and a Taylor911 has been added for emergency notifications.
- 7. Adjournment: There being no further business Vice Mayor Brubaker adjourned the meeting 7:55pm

## Certification of Minutes:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the Taylor Town Council meeting held on the 5th day of August 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 9th day of August 2021
Geri Judd-Town Clerk